



**CITY OF SCOTTSDALE  
POLICE LOCAL BOARD OF THE  
PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL RETIREMENT SYSTEM (PSPRS)**

**MINUTES**

**Thursday, December 16, 2021**

**Meeting Held Electronically**

**PRESENT:** Hugo Meraz, Chairperson/Mayoral Designee  
Donna Brown, Citizen Member/Merit Head  
Rodger Paliwoda, Elected Member  
Matt Heeren, Elected Member  
Ken Strobeck, Citizen Member

**STAFF:** Autumn Asmus, PSPRS Local Board Secretary  
Darlene Granger, Senior HR Benefits Analyst

**GUESTS:** Cindy Kelley, PSPRS Local Board Attorney

**Call to Order**

Chair Meraz called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

**Roll Call**

Members present as listed above.

**Possible Executive Session**

**1. Review and approval of regular session meeting minutes – November 18, 2021**

BOARD MEMBER BROWN MOVED TO APPROVE AS PRESENTED THE REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER 18, 2021 PSPRS POLICE LOCAL BOARD MEETING. BOARD MEMBER PALIWODA SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED FIVE (5) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. CHAIR MERAZ, BOARD MEMBERS

BROWN, PALIWODA, HEEREN, AND STROBECK VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

**2. Induction of new City of Scottsdale Police officers into PSPRS, if any**

There were no new inductees.

**3. Discussion and vote on the Accidental Disability Retirement application of Police Officer Craig T. Malley**

Ms. Asmus noted that Police Officer Craig T. Malley entered the DROP December 9, 2017 with 25.238 years of service. He will retire on December 30, 2021. All of his paperwork is in order.

Ms. Granger said that Officer Malley is different in that has already been approved for the DROP and is retiring as an accidental disability based on the IME.

It was noted that Officer Malley's paperwork has a middle initial of "D" and it should be "T" for Thomas. Ms. Granger will correct all documents.

BOARD MEMBER BROWN MOVED TO APPROVE THE ACCIDENTAL DISABILITY RETIREMENT APPLICATION OF POLICE OFFICER CRAIG T. MALLEY. BOARD MEMBER PALIWODA SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED FOUR (4) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. CHAIR MERAZ, BOARD MEMBERS BROWN, PALIWODA, AND HEEREN VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. BOARD MEMBER STROBECK ABSTAINED DUE TO TECHNICAL ISSUES. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

Chair Meraz thanked Officer Malley for his years of service and wished him a happy retirement.

**4. Discussion and vote on the Accidental Disability Retirement application of Police Sergeant Eric D. Reed**

Ms. Asmus noted that Police Sergeant Eric D. Reed is retiring on December 30, 2021 with 19.318 years of service. His monthly benefit is \$4,096.90. All of his paperwork is in order.

BOARD MEMBER HEEREN MOVED TO APPROVE THE ACCIDENTAL DISABILITY RETIREMENT APPLICATION OF POLICE SERGEANT ERIC D. REED. BOARD MEMBER BROWN SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED FOUR (4) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. CHAIR MERAZ, BOARD MEMBERS BROWN, PALIWODA, AND HEEREN VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. BOARD MEMBER STROBECK ABSTAINED DUE TO TECHNICAL ISSUES. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

Chair Meraz thanked Sergeant Reed for his years of service and wished him a happy retirement.

**5. Discussion and vote on the DROP (Deferred Retirement Option Plan) termination and normal retirement Application of Police Commander Bruce K. Ciolli**

Ms. Asmus noted that Police Commander Bruce K. Ciolli entered the DROP on September 2, 2017 with 25.009 years of service. He is retiring December 30, 2021. His monthly benefit is \$7,430.49. All of his paperwork is in order.

BOARD MEMBER PALIWODA MOVED TO APPROVE THE DROP TERMINATION AND NORMAL RETIREMENT APPLICATION OF POLICE COMMANDER BRUCE K. CIOLLI. BOARD MEMBER HEEREN SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED FIVE (5) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. CHAIR MERAZ, BOARD MEMBERS BROWN, PALIWODA, HEEREN, AND STROBECK VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

Chair Meraz thanked Commander Ciolli for his years of service and wished him a happy retirement.

**6. Discussion and vote on the DROP (Deferred Retirement Option Plan) termination and normal retirement application of Police Sergeant Robert E. Manning**

Ms. Asmus noted that Police Sergeant Robert E. Manning entered the DROP on December 28, 2016 with 25.001 years of service. He is retiring December 28, 2021. His monthly benefit is \$6,815.29. All of his paperwork is in order.

Chair Meraz thanked Sergeant Manning for his years of service and wished him a happy retirement.

**7. Discussion and vote on the Normal Retirement application of Police Officer Eric T. Dillinger**

Ms. Asmus noted that Police Officer Eric T. Dillinger retired on November 30, 2021 with 20.041 years of service. His monthly benefit is \$3,619.74. All of his paperwork is in order.

BOARD MEMBER PALIWODA MOVED TO APPROVE THE NORMAL RETIREMENT APPLICATION OF POLICE OFFICER ERIC T. DILLINGER. BOARD MEMBER BROWN SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED FIVE (5) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. CHAIR MERAZ, BOARD MEMBERS BROWN, PALIWODA, HEEREN, AND STROBECK VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

Chair Meraz thanked Officer Dillinger for his years of service and wished him a happy retirement.

**8. Discussion and vote on the Normal Retirement application of Police Officer Ethan J. Clark**

Ms. Asmus noted that Police Officer Ethan J. Clark will retire on December 30, 2021 with 20.023 years of service. His monthly benefit amount is \$4,427.86. All of his paperwork is in order.

BOARD MEMBER HEEREN MOVED TO APPROVE THE NORMAL RETIREMENT APPLICATION OF POLICE OFFICER ETHAN J. CLARK. BOARD MEMBER PALIWODA SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED FIVE (5) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. CHAIR MERAZ, BOARD MEMBERS BROWN, PALIWODA, HEEREN, AND STROBECK VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

Chair Meraz thanked Officer Clark for his years of service and wished him a happy retirement.

**9. Discussion and vote on the DROP (Deferred Retirement Option Plan) application of Police Sergeant Matthew S. Pearson**

Ms. Asmus noted that Police Sergeant Matthew S. Pearson entered the DROP on November 6, 2021 with 20.030 years of service. His monthly benefit is \$6,940.62. All of his paperwork is in order.

BOARD MEMBER BROWN MOVED TO APPROVE THE DROP APPLICATION OF POLICE SERGEANT MATTHEW S. PEARSON. BOARD MEMBER PALIWODA SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED FIVE (5) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. CHAIR MERAZ, BOARD MEMBERS BROWN, PALIWODA, HEEREN, AND STROBECK VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

**10. Discussion and vote on the DROP (Deferred Retirement Option Plan) termination and normal retirement application of Police Sergeant Matthew S. Pearson**

Ms. Asmus noted that Police Sergeant Matthew S. Pearson retired on December 3, 2021 with 20.020 years of service. His monthly benefit is \$6,940.62. All of his paperwork is in order.

BOARD MEMBER PALIWODA MOVED TO APPROVE THE DROP TERMINATION AND NORMAL RETIREMENT APPLICATION OF POLICE SERGEANT MATTHEW S. PEARSON. BOARD MEMBER HEEREN SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED FIVE (5) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. CHAIR MERAZ, BOARD MEMBERS BROWN, PALIWODA, HEEREN, AND STROBECK VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

Chair Meraz thanked Sergeant Pearson for his years of service and wished him a happy retirement.

**11. Report to the Board on recently completed service transfers, if any**

There were no recently completed service transfers.

**12. Board suggestions for upcoming agenda items**

There were no suggestions for future agenda items.

## **Adjournment**

BOARD MEMBER BROWN MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. BOARD MEMBER HEEREN SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED FIVE (5) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. CHAIR MERAZ, BOARD MEMBERS BROWN, PALIWODA, HEEREN, AND STROBECK VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

With no further business to discuss, being duly moved and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 9:28 a.m.

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